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POLYCIDE REOXIDATION

## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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This responds to the Office Action mailed on <u>December 22, 2004</u>. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a two-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from March 22, 2005 to May 22, 2005.